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# MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Discussion with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] of Security Office regarding Security Practices and External Research Projects

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1. [REDACTED] and the undersigned discussed the above subject in connection with proposed regulation 50/170, "Coordination of External Research" (discussion held in [REDACTED] office on 26 January 1955).

2. It was agreed that during development of an external research project it would be advisable to bring the Security Office into the process at a point, (a) when the project has been developed and the potential contractor (government or private) selected; (b) before discussions are held with the potential contractor. This makes sense to the undersigned as the Security Office might be in a position to advise in advance that the contractor or his facilities for handling classified information could not be given a security clearance. A security officer might also be able to advise ways and means for conducting a relationship with the contractor which, from a security point of view, would assist the project if later approved. Most important, however, is the point of knowing in advance of any potential security problems which might interfere with the execution of a project once it was approved.

3. The Security Office will suggest to the Regulations Staff that a paragraph be inserted in the section of the subject regulation under "Preliminary Coordination".

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